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WORKFORCE INFORMATION MEMO #03-02

SUBJECT: Annual Update of Poverty (HHS), 70% and 100% Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for Program Year 2002

REFERENCE: P.L. 105-220 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, Section 101(24)(25) and Section 134(d)(3)(A)(ii); 20 CFR Part 652 et al., §663.230 WIA Final Rules dated August 11, 2000; Federal Register dated April 8, 2002; Federal Register Vol. 67, No. 31, pp. 6931 - 6933 dated February 14, 2002

BACKGROUND: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issues its poverty guidelines each year as an abridged version of the poverty thresholds used by the Bureau of the Census to prepare statistical estimates of the number of persons and families in poverty. The HHS poverty guidelines are used in determining financial eligibility for some federal programs. The Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) is published by the Secretary of Labor annually, and is the income level (adjusted for metropolitan and non-metropolitan differences, as well as family size) used as a criterion for eligibility under WIA.

ACTION REQUIRED: Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs) and other WIA Title I providers shall use the enclosed income matrix for determining participant eligibility *where appropriate* for Program Year 2002 (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003). Please distribute this information to all individuals responsible for WIA eligibility determination.

Please contact Ms. Pat Gregan, Planning and Program Development Manager, at (602) 542-3957 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) INCOME MATRIX FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2002

Note For WIA eligibility purposes, use the <u>higher</u> of either the HHS Poverty Guidelines or the 70% LLSIL Guidelines for a six-month period.

FAMILY SIZE	70% LLSIL METRO AREA	70% LLSIL NON-METRO AREA	100% LLSIL METRO AREA	100% LLSIL NON-METRO AREA	HHS POVERTY GUIDELINES
1	\$ 7,820	\$ 7,560	\$ 11, 160	\$ 10,800	\$ 8,860
2	\$ 12, 810	\$ 12,390	\$ 18,290	\$ 17,690	\$ 11,940
3	\$ 17,580	\$ 17,010	\$ 25,110	\$ 24,290	\$ 15,020
4	\$ 21,700	\$ 20,990	\$ 30,990	\$ 29,980	\$ 18.100
5	\$ 25,610	\$ 24,770	\$ 36,570	\$ 35,380	\$ 21,180
6	\$ 29,950	\$ 28,970	\$ 42,770	\$41,380	\$ 24, 260
7	\$ 34,290	\$ 33,170	\$ 48,970	\$ 47,380	\$ 27,340
8	\$ 38,630	\$ 37,370	\$ 55,170	\$ 53,380	\$ 30,420
Additional Per Person > 8	\$ 4,340	\$ 4,200	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,080

Metro Areas: City of Phoenix, Balance of Maricopa County, and Pima

County

Non-Metro Areas: All Other Areas